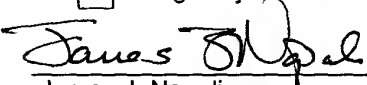
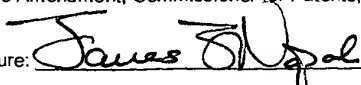




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				Art Unit 1734	
Applicant(s): Fulvio Boldrini					
Invention: METHOD AND UNIT FOR FORMING A TOBACCO BEAD					
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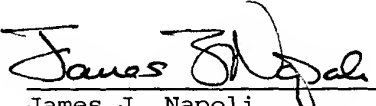
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Examination and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.